

Moakley	Rivers	Stupak
Mollohan	Rodriguez	Sununu
Moore	Roemer	Sweeney
Moran (KS)	Rogan	Talent
Moran (VA)	Rogers	Tanner
Morella	Rohrabacher	Tauscher
Murtha	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauzin
Myrick	Rothman	Taylor (MS)
Nadler	Roukema	Taylor (NC)
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Terry
Neal	Royce	Thomas
Nethercutt	Rush	Thompson (CA)
Ney	Ryan (WI)	Thompson (MS)
Northup	Ryun (KS)	Thornberry
Norwood	Sabo	Thune
Nussle	Salmon	Thurman
Oberstar	Sanchez	Tiahrt
Obey	Sanders	Tierney
Olver	Sandlin	Toomey
Ortiz	Sawyer	Towns
Ose	Saxton	Trafficant
Owens	Schaffer	Turner
Oxley	Schakowsky	Udall (CO)
Packard	Scott	Udall (NM)
Pallone	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Pastor	Serrano	Velazquez
Payne	Sessions	Visclosky
Pease	Shadegg	Vitter
Pelosi	Shaw	Walden
Peterson (MN)	Shays	Walsh
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Wamp
Petri	Sherwood	Watkins
Phelps	Shimkus	Watt (NC)
Pickering	Shows	Watts (OK)
Pickett	Simpson	Waxman
Pitts	Sisisky	Weiner
Pombo	Skeen	Weldon (FL)
Pomeroy	Skelton	Weldon (PA)
Porter	Slaughter	Weller
Portman	Smith (MI)	Weygand
Price (NC)	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Pryce (OH)	Smith (WA)	Wicker
Quinn	Snyder	Wilson
Radanovich	Souder	Wise
Rahall	Spence	Wolf
Ramstad	Stabenow	Woolsey
Rangel	Stark	Wu
Regula	Stearns	Wynn
Reyes	Stenholm	Young (AK)
Reynolds	Strickland	Young (FL)
Riley	Stump	

NAYS—8

Kaptur	Paul	Vento
Kucinich	Sanford	Waters
LaFalce	Tancredo	

NOT VOTING—14

Chenoweth-Hage	Lipinski	Shuster
Deal	Martinez	Smith (TX)
Edwards	Matsui	Spratt
Gephardt	Pascrell	Wexler
Gillmor	Scarborough	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purposes of inquiring from the Majority Leader the schedule for the remainder of the evening and the rest of the week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman taking this time. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, we are in that part of the year where we are all working in different rooms, in different projects, trying to come to agreement on different matters.

At this point in the evening, what I am going to suggest we do is have the body retire to some special orders for a while, some discussion. We will have a few minutes to sort things out, at which time we can get back in touch with the Members, either by announcement of the floor or through the whip organizations.

We do anticipate that we will in very short order be able to resume work, having more votes on issues related to the appropriations and budget cycle. But it is just one of these times where we sort of have to fall back, regroup, and assess things, and make sure we have precise information to exchange between the two sides so we can reach agreement to proceed.

If the body would indulge us in that regard, we would be back in touch with Members, who we would ask to stay close to an information source, I am sure within the next 30 minutes at the outset.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, let me just say to the gentleman from Texas that we understand how difficult at the end of a session it is to put the various pieces together and to wrap things up. But we also understand the need to utilize the time of the membership in the best possible way.

I was wondering if not, in a cooperative spirit, if we, indeed, are going to go to a CR that may, in fact, take us into next week, that we could do that at a relatively early hour this evening so Members could finish their business and leave and go home and ready and fresh for tomorrow's work. A lot of my colleague are asking about the action of even rolling the vote until tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for a response.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding to me. I think at this point in the evening, we need to reserve the opportunity for Members to have one or more recorded votes this evening on important legislative matters. If in fact that does not come to pass, I will communicate that as quickly as can I to the Members.

I do understand we have families, and we would like to be home or with our families. I can promise the Members that I will get this sorted out as quickly as possible and advise the Members.

We will be here working tomorrow. We will have votes tomorrow. Even as we proceed during the day tomorrow, I am sure there will be opportunities where we will just have to take a moment, sort things out, make sure we have the appropriate matters in the appropriate time sequencing, and make similar announcements to the body.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, when the gentleman from Texas spoke earlier, he mentioned 30 minutes as I recall; is that correct.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, if the gentleman will yield, as soon as I leave the floor, I will get to the key people with whom we have to consult,

get the information sorted out, set the plan for the rest of the night, and then make that announcement to the Members.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, can the gentleman from Texas give me the prognosis for next week, or is that all contingent upon the discussions the gentleman has just referred to?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, as the song from My Fair Lady goes, "with a little bit of luck", we will not be here. Other than that, we would just have to assess things up, and that would be one of those announcements that I could give with some degree of clarity and reliability tomorrow.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make clear I have been told by the majority side on the Committee on Appropriations that there is a possibility that the committee will be asked to go to the Committee on Rules tonight to get a rule under which we could then consider the continuing resolution.

I would like to make it clear that we see no reason to tie all Members up for the remainder of the evening. If what is being contemplated is a simple, straight continuing resolution with no funny business, we are perfectly happy to provide unanimous consent so that we can take it up without wasting Member's time, and I would think we could voice it very quickly.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, obviously the body appreciates the fine generous offer from the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY). I want to give the gentleman from Wisconsin every assurance that there will be a straight continuing resolution with no funny business. But it is just one of the things I want to be very clear about before I stand before my colleagues and say, yes, that is the request we make of them.

So I want to be able to make the precise request for my colleagues' agreement that we can define through the appropriate discussions with our colleagues. That should be done in just a few minutes.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, we vote against any funny business on our side, and we hope the gentleman will concur.

PERMISSION TO CONSIDER SPECIAL ORDER IN MEMORY OF THE LATE HONORABLE GEORGE E. BROWN FIRST

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, as we begin some special orders in this interim planning period, I am advised that there are members of the family of the former Member, George Brown,

in attendance to the body at this very moment. We have a host of Members who would like to take some time to pay their respects to Mr. Brown. They are listed for a special order this evening.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the memory of George Brown, I ask unanimous consent that those Members who would like to have this discussion proceed with the proviso that they would yield for me to make any announcements or for us to take up any work that we would have to do later in the evening.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2907

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove as cosponsor of my bill, H.R. 2907, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUSPENSIONS TO BE CONSIDERED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1999

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 353, I rise to announce the following suspensions to be considered tomorrow.

H. Res. 41, Honoring American Military Women for Their Service in World War II Resolution;

H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999;

H.R. 2336, the United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1999;

H.R. 2442, a very important piece of legislation, the Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act;

H. Con. Res. 122, recognizing the United States Border Patrol's 75 years of service since its founding;

H.R. 3234, to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports and Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995;

And, finally, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2454, the Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act.

Those are the suspensions that will be considered tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, on November 4 and November 5, 1999, I was away from Washington on official business and unable to vote on several matters. Had I been present on rollcall 563, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall 564, I would have voted "nay"; on rollcall 565, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcalls 566, 567, and 568, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall 569, I would

have voted "yea"; and on rollcalls 571, 572, and 573, I would have voted "yea".

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order immediately to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's guidelines, the Chair is unable to entertain the gentleman's request at this time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the joint resolution (H. J. Res 78) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 78 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 78

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 106-62 is further amended by striking "November 10, 1999" in section 1069c) and inserting in lieu thereof "November 17, 1999", and by striking "\$288,903,248" in section 119 and inserting in lieu thereof "\$346,483,754." Public Law 106-46 is amended by striking "November 10, 1999" and inserting in lieu thereof "November 17, 1999".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and

the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 78, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the current continuing resolution expires tomorrow night. While we had planned to have all appropriations action completed by tomorrow, that will not be possible because of some ongoing negotiations with the administration. We will need an extension into next week because of the Veterans Day holiday.

H. J. Res. 78 would continue operations for the agencies in the five remaining bills until November 17, and I would urge our Members to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any purpose in dragging this out tonight. This is a simple extension until next Wednesday.

I think Members need to have some understanding of what remaining differences are out there, because I think there is a vast misperception about exactly where the conferees are on these issues. As I see it, on the interior appropriations bill, we have made some progress with respect to language items. There are still a number of important language items that have not been resolved, a number of the riders, and there is also at least one major dollar issue which still is to be resolved, and it is the biggest dollar problem in the bill.

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With respect to State, Justice, Commerce, virtually all the dollar disagreements have been resolved. But there are still major differences with respect to language and riders. And again, that represents the items that remain represent major impediments to final agreement.

With respect to the Labor, Health, Education bill, we were in conference once today this morning. We went into conference the second time, or were invited to come into conference this afternoon. We went to the Senate in order to participate in that conference. While we were sitting in the conference room waiting for the conference to start, the majority conferees on the Senate side in charge of the conference were busy holding a press conference